**SPX Assembly Thursday 4th August 2016.**

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| Speaker 1  KIERAN | Good afternoon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  Today Year 5/6 will be leading assembly with a theme of “Peace”. |
| Speaker 2  AVA | This Saturday, the 6th of August, is known as “Heiwa no hi” or “Peace Day”, in Japan. It is the anniversary of the dropping of an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima during the second world war. |
| Speaker 3  ISAAC | Many people died on that day in 1945 and many died in the years afterward, because of that bomb. |
| Speaker 4  THEA | We would like to tell you the story of Sadako and the Thousand Cranes, lead you in a prayer and then give you a paper crane to help you to remember to pray for peace. |
| Speaker 5 XAVIER | Sadako was a Japanese girl born in Hiroshima in 1943. On the 6th of August 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima. |
| Speaker 6  TIM | When Sadako was 11, she was a good runner and a member of her school running team. Sometimes, though, she would feel dizzy and sick. |
| Speaker 7  JARRAH | One day she fell down and could not get up. The teacher sent for her parents who took her to hospital. |
| Speaker 8  LIAM | She heard the doctor telling her parents about leukaemia and she knew she was very sick. Sadako lay sadly in hospital because she may never run or play with her friends again. |
| Speaker 9  TREVINE | Her best friend , Chizuko, brought her a surprise to cheer her up. It was a piece of gold paper which Chizuko folded into a big golden crane. Chizuko reminded Sadako of the old story that the crane is supposed to live for a thousand years. |
| Speaker 10  AIDAN | If a sick person makes a thousand paper cranes, she should get well again. Sadako made a paper crane herself. |
| Speaker 11  KENNY | Then she made another and another and her brother placed them on string and hung them up. |
| Speaker 12  EMILY | Every time Sadako felt lonely or sick or sad, she would fold some more paper cranes. |
| Speaker 13  ALLANAH | As the months went by and winter came, Sadako became very weak and sick. |
| Speaker 14  RINTA | Her family and friends would visit her and bring her coloured paper to make more cranes and she kept on folding. |
| Speaker 15  MONTANA | As winter got colder, Sadako became very sick and could not eat . |
| Speaker 16  JACKSON | Spring and Summer 1955 saw Sadako getting a little better and she was allowed to go home, but Autumn came and Sadako felt weak and sick again and had to return to hospital. |
| Speaker 17  CHARITIE | One night, before Sadako went to sleep, she could just manage to fold one more paper crane. It was 644 and the last one she ever made. |
| Speaker 18 JOHN | On October 25th, 1955, as she was watching her paper cranes floating in the breeze near her window, she quietly went to sleep.  She never woke up again. |
| Speaker 19  HOLLY | Sadako’s classmates folded 356 cranes so that 1000 were buried with Sadako. Her friends built a monument to Sadako and to all children who were killed by the atom bomb. It is in Hiroshima Peace Park. |
| Speaker 20  BENJI | The monument shows Sadako holding a golden crane in her hands.  Every year, on Peace Day, people bring folded paper cranes to the monument and pray for peace. |
| Speaker 21  RILEY | On the bottom of Sadako’s statue the words are engraved :  “This is our cry, This is our prayer, Peace in the world.” |
| **PRAYER** |  |
| Speaker 1  CHARITIE | Please join us in a prayer for peace by responding with “inorimashor”, which means “let us pray” in Japanese.  Inorimashor |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| Speaker 2  HOLLY | Heavenly Father, all peace comes from you. Let there be peace in our hearts. |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| Speaker 3  ISAAC | Let there be peace in our homes. |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| Speaker 4  ALLANAH | Let there be peace in Australia. |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| Speaker 5  TIM | Let there be peace in Japan. |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| Speaker 6  RILEY | Let there be peace in the world. |
| **ALL** | Inorimashor |
| **CRANES** |  |
| Speaker  LACHY | Some of us, with Sensei, have made a paper crane for each of you. The Year 4 students are going to give a box of cranes to your teacher so you can take one. Please use the crane to help you remember to pray for peace – especially this Saturday – Peace Day. |